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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 28, 2004 in connection with the above-captioned application, Applicant elects the species identified by the Examiner as Group II, subgroup "a". Applicant contends that Claims 12-15 and 19-24 are readable on this species.

Respectfully submitted,

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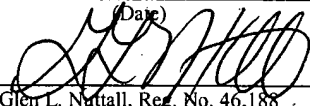
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